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Flint ReCAST Community Advisory Board Wednesday, April 21, 2021 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Zoom Meeting

MINUTES

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Community Advisory Board

Members Attending: 15/18 (83%)

James Avery

Flint and Genesee Chamber of Commerce

Shardae Davis

G.C.C.A.R.D.

Kenyetta Dotson

Michigan State University

Lottie Ferguson (Chair)

City of Flint

Debra Furr-Holden, Ph.D.

Healthy Flint Research Coordinating Center

Lauren Holaly-Zembo

Crim Fitness Foundation

Sandra Jones

Greater Holy Temple

Keiona Murphy

Flint Community Schools

Jalen Nunn

YMCA of Greater Flint

Tauzzari Robinson

Boys and Girls Club of Flint

Dan Russell

Genesee Health System

Kirk Smith

Greater Flint Health Coalition

Verona Terry

Flint and Genesee Job Corps Center

Rafael Turner

Consumers Energy

Jamie-Lee Venable

United Way of Genesee County

Community Advisory Board

Members Not Attending: 3/18 (17%)

Ashley Everhart

Neighborhood Engagement Hub

Sandra Johnson

Hamilton Community Health Network

Steven Kramer
Michigan State Police

Staff: (3)

Cierra Hessbrook
Greater Flint Health Coalition

Afton Shavers
Greater Flint Health Coalition

Nichole Smith-Anderson
Greater Flint Health Coalition

WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER

Lottie Ferguson, City of Flint, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 17, 2021

Ms. Ferguson requested a motion approving the minutes of the March 17, 2021 meeting as distributed.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2021 Flint ReCAST Community Advisory Board meeting as distributed.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion: Minneapolis

Afton Shavers, Greater Flint Health Coalition (GFHC), opened up discussion regarding the events occurring in Minneapolis and brought attention to the fact that, like Flint, Minneapolis is a ReCAST grantee city. Ms. Shavers stated that she would be reaching out to the Minneapolis ReCAST team to offer support. Additionally, Ms. Shavers has called attention to the fact that systemic and structural changes are necessary to offer solutions rather than enabling the violence to continue.

Presentation: Out of School Network

Tauzzari Robinson, Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Flint, provided a presentation regarding the Out of School Network. Mr. Robinson shared that the Out of School Network began in 2019 in response to the need for collaboration amongst community groups. Mr. Robinson explained that one goal of the Out of School Network is to examine and address the needs and gaps pertaining to out-of-school time in Flint and Genesee County. A second goal is to examine current partnerships and ensure that every child in need of an after-school program has access. The third goal of the Out of School Network is to ensure that after-school programs receive sustainable funding. Mr. Robinson shared that over 30 community groups have participated in the Out of School Network.

Mr. Robinson shared that the group initially spent time identifying gaps and producing data maps to determine which zip codes are represented in the community and which are not. Additionally, Mr. Robinson stated that COVID-19 has presented new gaps, such as transportation and sustainable funding, that need to be addressed. Mr. Robinson shared that the current focus going forward is that of behavioral and mental health services.

Additionally, Mr. Robinson shared that Out of School Network partnerships had created a virtual summer camp to connect with youth virtually. Thanks to a partnership with The Loyalty Foundation, Chromebooks were distributed to 60 youth to help them participate in virtual learning and engagement opportunities. As for future opportunities of the Out

of School Network, Mr. Robinson shared that universal training for all full-time out-of-school staff members would be useful. Additionally, data sharing among partners, working with vendors for future resources, and dividing and conquering are other opportunities to improve the Out of School Network. Mr. Robinson discussed that convening power and strategic committee formations could strengthen the work of the Out of School Network.

Bright Cities Initiative

Ms. Ferguson shared her recent experience as a panelist on the Bright Cities, Healthy Babies webinar series. Ms. Ferguson shared that the City of Flint has recently been offered a funding opportunity which will allow for a range of highly incentivized classes relating to resilience building and other sessions for new parents. Keiona Murphy, Flint Community Schools, shared that the district has received funding for literacy building opportunities, which may offer a great partnership for the Bright Cities Initiative. Ms. Shavers reinforced the need to work collaboratively in order to avoid the duplication of programming within Flint and Genesee County.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Update: Community Advisory Task Force to the Flint Police Department

Dr. Debra Furr-Holden, Ph.D., Healthy Flint Research Coordinating Center (HFRCC), shared that the next Community Advisory Task Force meeting will be held on Thursday, May 20, 2021. Dr. Furr-Holden shared that almost every police officer in Flint has participated in the Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation (TRHT) training. The final training will take place on May 5, 2021. Additionally, Dr. Furr-Holden stated that an implicit bias training is scheduled to occur at the end of May and will offer a train-the-trainer option to continue to disseminate the training into the community. Additional information can be found on the Task Force's website (<http://www.flinttaskforce.org/>) and Facebook page ([facebook.com/FCATOPS/](https://www.facebook.com/FCATOPS/)).

Program Implementation

Ms. Shavers shared that program implementation is going well and there is an uptick in all reporting metrics. Ms. Shavers reminded members that free training opportunities are still available through Genesee Health System (GHS) and individuals can sign up for them via GHS's website (genhs.org).

Ms. Shavers also shared that two new connections have been made since the previous ReCAST meeting. The first new connection is with Motherly Intercession, a group that offers support to children with current or formerly incarcerated parents. Additionally, Ms. Shavers shared that the other new connection for ReCAST is with the Michigan Drug Endangered Children Alliance, in which the state police offer support to families and children impacted by drugs and drug-related incarceration. Ms. Shavers stated that it is essential to build resilience in those who are doing this work by offering support for the secondary trauma faced by first responders

Community Mini-Grant Program

Cierra Hessbrook, GFHC, provided an update on the community mini-grant program. Ms. Hessbrook shared that the 2021 season of ReCAST mini-grants is currently underway, and all 19 mini-grant recipients have been met individually. All grantees were convened to develop relationships and provide opportunity for collaboration. Ms. Hessbrook shared that grantees will continue to check individually on a bi-monthly basis, with the next set of meetings in May. More information regarding the 2021 season of ReCAST mini-grants will continue to be shared with ReCAST Community Advisory Board members throughout the remainder of the mini-grant project.

Ms. Shavers expressed gratitude to the special guests who attended the recent mini-grant cohort meeting, including Mayor Sheldon Neeley, Lisa Bruder from GHS, and Sarah Sullivan from Crim Fitness Foundation. Each individual offered additional support and resources to the grantees to utilize throughout and following the mini-grant project period.

New Opportunities and Engagement: 1. Mental Health Awareness Month & 2. Voice of ReCAST Social Media Campaign

Ms. Hessbrook shared that in observance of May as Mental Health Awareness Month, there will be many opportunities for the community to take control of their mental health. Ms. Hessbrook stated that Mental Health Awareness Month is intended to raise awareness of trauma and its impact on the physical, emotional, and mental well-being of children, families, and communities. Themed days will help to set intentions such as mindfulness, furthering the conversation, and self-love. Additionally, Mental Health Awareness Month will feature a few socially-distanced, mask-required in-person events such as Grow Positive Thoughts, Mindfulness in a Jar, and a special showing of the movie Inside Out at the drive-in. Anyone with questions about Mental Health Awareness Month or wants to get involved should email Ms. Hessbrook at chessbrook@flint.org.

Ms. Shavers shared information about the Voice of ReCAST Social Media Campaign, which is intended to show the community that ReCAST is more than the mini-grant program. Ms. Shavers shared that she would like CAB members to provide an image of themselves as well as a quote pertaining to why they value Flint ReCAST, why they are CAB members, what resilience means to them, or why they love the city of Flint. Ms. Shavers stated that she wants the community to be able to put names and faces together so that ReCAST is more widely recognized within the community. Additionally, Ms. Shavers asked that CAB members to be active and participate on social media by sharing posts and inviting friends and family members to “like” Flint ReCAST.

Discussion: Next Steps for Flint ReCAST Coordination: Gaps and Areas for Targeted Efforts

Ms. Shavers shared that although many of the identified gap areas have been addressed, suggestions regarding other areas of need are encouraged. Jalen Nunn, YMCA of Greater

Flint, shared that he is looking for more concrete steps towards fulfilling needs brought forth by COVID-19. Mr. Nunn identified challenges regarding preparing programs that provide academic and extracurricular fulfillment to children before fall 2021. Lauren Holaly-Zembo, Crim Fitness Foundation, shared that the Crim is working on meeting with community organizations that provide services to youth to discuss summer opportunities and potential collaborations. Ms. Holaly-Zembo stated that the Out of School Network will be participating in this meeting and asks that anyone else who wants to be involved contact her directly.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, May 19, 2021
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

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